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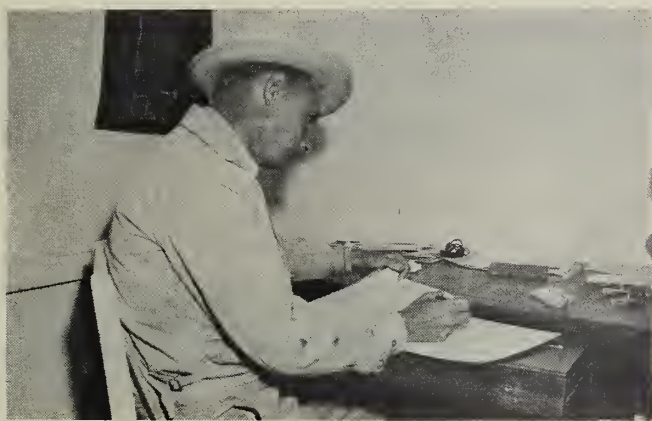
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USDA PHOTOGRAPHS showing activities of farmers who have received loans through the Farmers Home Administration

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N-15427--Venton S. Covil, a farmer near Burgaw, North Carolina, has learned from experience the value of careful planning and record keeping.

N-15421--A Jeep-mounted sprayer sprays Aldrin on a field on which an earlier planting of corn had been ruined by "bill bugs". Farmer Covil follows behind with a tractor and disc to work the chemical into the soil.

N-15430--Covil raises registered Duroc hogs and sells breeding stock to other farmers. Here Covil and the county FHA supervisor look at a pen full of thrifty pigs.

N-15435--A local farm equipment dealer talks with Farmer Covil about buying a modern tobacco harvester.

N-15383--Ransom F. House, a farmer near Newton Grove, North Carolina, rows a boat on his 3½-acre pond which he financed himself and built with the help of SCS technicians. With the help of an FHA loan he bought a pump, piping, and a sprinkler irrigation system.

N-15379--Mr. House and FHA County Supervisor William Henry observe the sprinkler system with which House irrigates 6 acres of tobacco, 5 acres of cucumbers, and 1 acre of peppers, all for local markets.

N-15377--Here's the pump that sends the crop-saving water to Mr. House's crops.

N-15395--Herman R. Harrell of Burgaw, North Carolina, has added dairying to his farm operations. Since improving his herd through artificial insemination, his average per-cow yield has gone up to 8,200 pounds. Several of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell's children watch the calves put on the feedbag.

N-15389--This modern milk house is part of the dairy set-up on the farm of Herman R. Harrell. He visits here with Assistant FHA County Supervisor C. R. Dillard.

N-15390--With the help of his FHA loan, Herman Harrell has installed a pipeline milking system.

N-15392--Herman Harrell built a trench silo in which to store feed for his dairy herd.

N-15410--About 3 acres, or 35,000 sweetpotato plants, can be set out in a day by the method shown here. The field is part of a 420-acre farm rented by Haywood Page of Burgaw, North Carolina.

N-15413--Farmer Haywood Page and County FHA Supervisor W. H. Robbins inspect an electrically heated bed for starting sweetpotato plants. When the picture was taken, 20,000 plants had already been pulled from this bed.

N-15412--Here Haywood Page and the county FHA supervisor examine a 3-acre field of Ladino clover that provides good pasture for his hogs.

N-15415--In an area where 40 bushels of oats per acre is considered a good yield, Mr. Page, by following approved farm practices, produced 60 bushels an acre.

N-15407--Haywood Page also produces about 1,200 pullets, some of which are shown here.

N-15442--The Bruno Van Bavel family operate an 82-acre farm near Willard, North Carolina, on which they specialize in producing flowers and bulbs for market. Here Mrs. Van Bavel and her son Buren, are cutting "Fever Few" flowers to sell. Their FHA farm ownership loan has already been paid up.

N-15441--This is what Hurricane Hazel did to the bulb storage and grading shed on the Van Bavel farm in 1955.